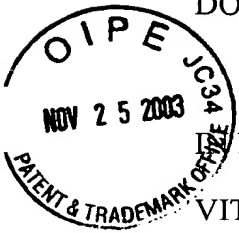


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 25, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated August 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.